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Dear Sir,

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Philip Morris Incorporated. Your File:
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We are enclosing two copies of a further Official Letter to issue on this application.

The objections raised by the Examiner are comparatively straightforward. We believe they will be overcome by making the following amendments to the complete specification:

Page 3	line 23	:	After "more" insert "water"
	line 27	:	Before "drying" insert "subsequently" and replace "product from step (2)" by "cross-linked product"
Page 4	line 8	:	Amend "film-forming components have" to read "components, which are film-forming, have"
Page 5	line 24	:	Replace "product" by "produce"
Page 6	line 6	:	Delete "about"
Claim 4	line 2	:	After "contains" insert "chemically combined" and after "sodium" insert "derived from the saponification of the sugar beet residue hydrolysis product with a basic potassium or sodium compound."
Claim 8	line 9	:	After "more" insert "water"

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Page 15	line 2	:	After "cation" insert "to"
	line 4	:	Amend to read "subsequently drying the cross-linked product."
Claim 9	line 1	:	Replace "a" by "the"

Little comment on these amendments is necessary. The changes proposed for claim 4 follow the lines suggested by the Examine but do not specifically refer to the use of sodium or potassium hydroxide to bring about saponification of the hydrolysis product. It appears from the passage joining pages 6 and 7 that any basic compound of potassium or sodium would achieve the desired objective. The revised wording for step (3) of claim 8 is necessary since, as pointed out by the Examiner, various steps can intervene between the cross-linking reaction and the drying step.

Please review the changes which we propose and let us know whether or not they are acceptable.

The normal acceptance term for this application will expire on 28th January 1974 and we look forward to hearing from you in good time before then, preferably by 28th October 1973.

Yours faithfully,

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